

# Continuity and Change: A Manifesto

## Vice Presidential Candidate

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fraternity to rally around a set goals in reformation, rallying, resources and the deficit of all achievable plan that will lead opportunity, and rebuild this foundation. And most of all chambers, access to library, facilities are lawyers, particularly who have a career more at stake.

**CHAMBERS** - I've resolved to work towards having a new chamber block constructed near the court blocks. This is of utmost importance, as otherwise, lawyers, especially the juniors and particularly the female members of the fraternity will suffer immensely due to bad and rough weather, during the harsh winter season. Logistically, I will work towards the new block constructed on the line that each lawyer gets his/her own chamber, this will certainly hold up professional secrecy.

Foremost, the struggle for freedom must be perpetual in our endeavours. We will continue to stand up against oppression, we will ensure that we will not be cowed

down and we will never be exhausted towards the final goal of realising freedom for us and our people together.

The vision of the Bar Association should be to rank among the foremost Bar Associations in the world. To achieve this vision, the Bar Association requires visionary leadership and direction. To this end, I present myself as a candidate for the position of the Vice President of the Bar Association.

Therefore, I ask for your unalloyed support in this regard. In asking for your support, I have developed this agenda for your consideration and to seek to enlist your support behind our ambition to create one of the best Bar Associations, in achievements and to the fullest satisfaction of its members.

This is a manifesto for engagement, application and creative thinking, not for the status quo.

If I've learnt anything during nearly 40 years at the Bar, it's that calmness, determination, astute tactics, and logic work better than belligerence and noise. There are times to be adversarial and to make no compromises: and there are times to settle differences. We have the opportunity to hold ourselves together and deliver for our common cause.

If we continue to engage purposefully and imaginatively, in an organised fashion, we can help to shape a better future for the younger generation of some incredibly brilliant lawyers. That's what I'll do if you elect me as Vice President.

In my heart I understand the anger and frustration that have led to the present call for action, and I share the association's fears for the future. If things carry on as they are, the whole profession will wither away from bottom to top, and with it the great tradition of excellent legal representation for all.

This representative role is not only to protect the interest of lawyers, but is also to serve our members by providing them with benefits, programmes and services which will add value to their professional development. I will strive towards breaking the glass-ceiling with regard to the issue of chambers, a library for lawyers, a internet centre for lawyers to research, and most of all remain open to new requirements that may arise from time to time.

I propose to lead a Bar that offers value to its members. This role also entails representing the legal profession to the public and the global legal community. And work towards harmonising Bar and Bench relations in the better interest of lawyers and general public.

The dignity and honour of the lawyers community must be held high.